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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUKIO FURUKAWA, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/620,419 )  
Filed: July 17, 2003 )  
For: OPTICAL WAVELENGTH )  
CONVERTING APPARATUS, )  
AND OPTICAL WAVELENGTH )  
CONVERTING METHOD )  
Examiner: T. Nguyen  
Group Art Unit: 2828  
May 23, 2005

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

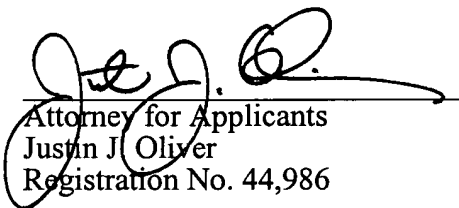
In response to the Official Action dated April 22, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks. The Examiner has set forth an election of species requirement between the embodiments shown in Figures 1, 2, 7-10, and 12-20, respectively.

Initially, Applicants submit that the embodiments are so closely related as to not require separate fields of search. Further, the making of an election of species requirement is not mandatory in all instances where it is possible to do so. Rather, the Examiner may use his discretion and choose not to require an election of species where circumstances warrant. It is believed that such is the case in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement set forth.

Nevertheless, to comply with proper practice, Applicants elect the species of Figure 1. Also, Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 2 read on the species of Figure 1, and that Claim 1 is generic to each of the species.

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